

## Bookish Escape: Morganville Vampires Discussion – May 8, 2011

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*Panelists: Larissa (Larissa's Bookish Life) and Samanta (Calliope's Dream)*

**Episode Notes:** *I'm not a huge young adult fan, however, there's just something about the Morganville Vampires series by Rachel Caine that I simply enjoy. Whether it's the insane antics of Myrin or the general angst of Michael, Eve, Claire and Shane, there is just something enjoyable about the whole world. The latest novel in this fabulous series, [Bite Club](#), was just recently released and [Larissa Calliope](#), and I are curious to hear what you've thought. Do you have a favorite Morganville Vampire? Are you happy with where the series is going? We want to discuss this fabulous town, so join us at [Talk Shoe](#) on **May 6th at 9pm EST** and let's talk about it.*

**The recording has started.**

<Guest 5> Rachel Caine here! I'm totally crashing your discussion. Please don't feel awkward -- say whatever you think (but I don't have a microphone).

<Guest 6> hi

<Guest 6> I don't think I have a mic but I can hear y'all

<Guest 5> HI! Thanks for having a discussion about BITE CLUB. 😊 (Guest 5 = Rachel Caine) I can't stay on for long, but love this!

<literaryescapism> We'll be posting the audio after we're done.

<Guest 6> lol

<AbigailATUF> Loved Bite Club! My favorite in the series so far 😊

<Guest 6> babbling is half the fun

<AbigailATUF> You're both behind? Scandalous! 😊

<AbigailATUF> Samantha, are you up to date?

<Guest 5> Can I offer a spoiler? (RC)

<literaryescapism> I'm not a huge YA fan. I have to be in the mood for it.

<literaryescapism> Definitely. Love spoilers 😊

<AbigailATUF> yes!

<literaryescapism> Morganville is one of the few that keeps my attention.

<Guest 5> This is Shane's darkest hour. It will get better from here. 😊

<literaryescapism> Sweet

<AbigailATUF> It really couldn't get much darker for him.

<Guest 5> OH IT COULD GET DARKER. But it won't.

<AbigailATUF> I keep waiting for the big Myrnin/Shane fight. **Bunny Slippers Will Fly**

<Guest 5> I have to say it is a bizarre experience listening to people talk about the books like this ... fun, but kind of amazing.

<literaryescapism> Myrnin has the hots for Claire?!

<Guest 5> I think that is the new tag line for the series. BUNNY SLIPPERS WILL FLY!

<literaryescapism> okay, I'm getting caught up tonight. **grin**

<Guest 5> Myrnin LIKES Claire. He's not really more than a tiny bit charming, though. He's more of a crazy uncle

<AbigailATUF> no way. He wan't to put her brain a a jar!

<Guest 5> HA someone just said it!

<Nicola\_O> @Abigail, hah

<Guest 5> Myrnin appears to be around late twenties to early thirties.

<AbigailATUF> Yes, crazy uncle. That's how I see him

<Nicola\_O> I have not actually read this series so I'm mainly lurking

<literaryescapism> Nicola - you should read it.

<Guest 5> Shane is actually jealous of Myrnin, but without much cause.

<literaryescapism> How many YA novels do I recommend? Not many....go get it 😊

<AbigailATUF> Nicola - You should. So much fun

<Nicola\_O> I read very little YA

<AbigailATUF> I read lots of YA, this series is a fav

<Nicola\_O> though I have a 10 year old, so that may be changing

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<Nicola\_O> she always wants to read my books and I'm like, no hon, you need to wait a bit for the JR Ward...

<AbigailATUF> that's a question for the author

<AbigailATUF> I miss Sam too

<Guest 5> I miss Sam too. **sigh** (RC)

<AbigailATUF> I was shocked!

<literaryescapism> Yes, for those who like Spoilers, stick around until after the recording ends 😊

<Nicola\_O> how many are in this series?

<literaryescapism> Rachel - how long has the Morganville experiment been going on?

<AbigailATUF> What! I consider spoilers to be the leprosy of literature

<AbigailATUF> I despise them

<AbigailATUF> 😊

<Nicola\_O> well, it can be hard to talk about books w/o them

<Nicola\_O> @larissa, lol

<literaryescapism> i'm muted for a sec

<Nicola\_O> that's why I like romance

<Nicola\_O> I already know the end.

<Nicola\_O> <--- NEVER reads ahead

<Guest 5> Sorry for giving you leprosy, Abigail! (RC)

<Nicola\_O> are we talking about Stephen Donaldson now?

<AbigailATUF> Q: Will Claire & C. ever get out of Morganville? Do you think that's how the series will ultimately end?

<AbigailATUF> Co.

<AbigailATUF> I meant permanently

<AbigailATUF> Will they ever be free

<Nicola\_O> ??

<Nicola\_O> lol

<literaryescapism> Simon doesn't agree

<literaryescapism> :P

<Nicola\_O> I don't know why a child of Jackie's would be opinionated.

<Nicola\_O> must get it from his dad.

<LarissasLife> lol absolutely Nicola!

<literaryescapism> oh is he opinionated today...he wants no one but mama

<AbigailATUF> Yeah. That was very interesting to be in Shane's head

<Nicola\_O> you crack me up, Larissa.

<AbigailATUF> With everything that happened, we needed to be in his head

<AbigailATUF> Someone email her the spoiler 😊

<LarissasLife> Please!!! Amen to Abigail!

<LarissasLife> lol

<AbigailATUF> In Last Breath? Very cool

<AbigailATUF> Not done. I'll always want more

<literaryescapism> What I was trying to say....with all the series who are getting into the double digit and seem to be losing steam....

<literaryescapism> Has Morganville fallen into this or are we still full speed ahead?

<AbigailATUF> Not this one. I commented on that in my review. Still as fresh & fun as the first

<Nicola\_O> So that's a good question for Guest5 -- any tips on keeping a series fresh?

<AbigailATUF> @Larissa Agreed.

<literaryescapism> for being oen of the few who has done that then

<AbigailATUF> What I want is the TV show. How cool would that be?

<Nicola\_O> so for someone who hasn't read them -- is there a strong series arc?

<Nicola\_O> or is it more book-by-book?

<AbigailATUF> More book-by-book with relationship arcs

<literaryescapism> And the kid is back in bed

<Nicola\_O> oh no, I scared her!

<Nicola\_O> that's a fairy tale thing

<Nicola\_O> about parents sucking

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<LarissasLife> true! stepmothers and all LOL

<Nicola\_O> yes! it's kind of a requirement of the genre -- what do you do when your worst fears come true?

<Nicola\_O> parents are dead or incapable

<Nicola\_O> yikes

<Nicola\_O> kill stuff?

<Nicola\_O> when stepmoms go psycho, they take you out in the woods and leave you there.

<literaryescapism> Shane's dad is a vampire hunter

<Nicola\_O> generally I'd rather read series in order -- me too Larissa!

<Nicola\_O> just wondering, some series are more about the **series** and others are more individual

<literaryescapism> I'm normally like that, but I had to read Kiss of Snow out of order

<LarissasLife> how did that go Jackie?

<Nicola\_O> that's because you stopped reading them, which is kind of incomprehensible to me.

<Nicola\_O> PNR tends to have strong individual books

<Nicola\_O> yes!

<AbigailATUF> Right, and MV really isn't PNR.

<Nicola\_O> gotcha

<Nicola\_O> because it's the same main characters throughout?

<AbigailATUF> Right

<Nicola\_O> if it's shelved in UF it's usually series-arc

<Nicola\_O> like Kim Harrison

<Nicola\_O> do not go out of order!

<AbigailATUF> There is always a handy 'welcome to MV' at the beginning of the books for newbies.

<Nicola\_O> Kelley aremstrong is kind of like that

<Nicola\_O> you can kind of go out of order

<Nicola\_O> but you miss some stuff

<AbigailATUF> I've read Kelley out of order

<Nicola\_O> lost audio for a sec

<Nicola\_O> yeah, they're like mini-groups

<Nicola\_O> mini-groups

<AbigailATUF> With MV, you can go out of order, but it's better if you don't

<Nicola\_O> I read "waking the witch" out of order

<literaryescapism> me to

<Nicola\_O> i got an arc though, and there were SO MANY that I hadn't read

<Nicola\_O> just had to say WTF

<Nicola\_O> and go for it

<AbigailATUF> Ugh. Gave up on Dante after book 2

<Nicola\_O> lolz, that's like old skool romance, kill off anyone inconvenient

<literaryescapism> valentine?

<Nicola\_O> yeah, I know there were bits that would be more interesting with additional background

<Nicola\_O> but it did stand, mostly

<AbigailATUF> Dante Valentine

<Nicola\_O> it's kind of like the novellas for some series

<literaryescapism> i started 3

<Nicola\_O> you don't miss it if you don't read it, but it's extra-fun if you do

<AbigailATUF> The child sexual abuse was too much in bk 2. Disturbing in the extreme

<LarissasLife> exactly! =)

<LarissasLife> child sexual abuse?? which series?

<AbigailATUF> Dante Valentine

<Nicola\_O> gak

<LarissasLife> i dont remember that hehe

<AbigailATUF> Bite Club is very lite on Michael scenes

<Nicola\_O> i read a SS by Saintcrow... creepy

<Nicola\_O> well written

<Nicola\_O> possibly too scary for me.

<AbigailATUF> But he'll have to be HUGE in Last Breath 😊

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<LarissasLife> ooooooh lol  
<AbigailATUF> Samantha, don't you agree?  
<AbigailATUF> Eve too  
<AbigailATUF> It's in the description, so it's not really a spoiler  
<AbigailATUF> Those descriptions are evil. I didn't read the description for Timeless, just in case  
<AbigailATUF> I love the new cover!  
<Nicola\_O> did you see the youtube for the 2nd Carriger cover?  
<AbigailATUF> Egypt baby  
<Nicola\_O> was fab...  
<LarissasLife> exactly LOL  
<AbigailATUF> 😊  
<Nicola\_O> lol  
<AbigailATUF> Sorry sorry 😊  
<LarissasLife> LMAO Im so happy right now!  
<LarissasLife> I got my spoiler!  
<AbigailATUF> Amelie is still mourning Sam IMO  
<Nicola\_O> lol larissa!  
<LarissasLife> Im so freaking happy and mellow right now, you guys have NO idea LOL  
<Nicola\_O> did you say "uncle fester" ?  
<LarissasLife> yes  
<LarissasLife> she did  
<Nicola\_O> hehehehe  
<AbigailATUF> Romantic undercurrent? I didn't pick up on that  
<Nicola\_O> you people have dirty minds, lol  
<Nicola\_O> "Anyone can have a one-night stand!"  
<LarissasLife> not romantic per se... but maybe old sexual tension that didnt work out LOL  
<Nicola\_O> body guards and other pets?  
<Nicola\_O> there's bestiality?  
<literaryescapism> couldn't resist 😊  
<LarissasLife> As if I can resist saying Tentacles at least once LOL  
<Nicola\_O> blameless cover: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoDCiTsS7dU>  
<Nicola\_O> @larissa, hahaha  
<Nicola\_O> ahaha  
<Nicola\_O> needs a good seeing-to, does she?  
<LarissasLife> I love that video!  
<LarissasLife> absolutely!  
<Nicola\_O> 😊  
<AbigailATUF> Yes, Monica is the most evil non-villain I've read in YA  
<AbigailATUF> 😊  
<Nicola\_O> so Rachel Caine ditched us to post to the Penguin FB feed, apparently. 😊  
<Nicola\_O> [http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group\\_152402674805954#!/PenguinParanormal](http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_152402674805954#!/PenguinParanormal)  
<Nicola\_O> Awww, Larissa.  
<Nicola\_O> anytime, lol  
<AbigailATUF> Which one had the amnesia? Loved that one  
<AbigailATUF> Right.  
<Nicola\_O> this is hilarious to listen to.  
<LarissasLife> Thanks? =)  
<Nicola\_O> 😊  
<literaryescapism> issimonloud?  
<Nicola\_O> simon's OK  
<Nicola\_O> cute gurgling  
<AbigailATUF> agreed. it's a bit juvenile  
<Nicola\_O> I just finished Cold Magic and thought it was kind of YA-ish  
<Nicola\_O> also thought that Waking the Witch was YA-ish.  
<Nicola\_O> Kate Ellilott

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<Nicola\_O> Elliott  
<Nicola\_O> I think that Samantha was just really young  
<Nicola\_O> and she had a lot of sort of young-punk mannerisms  
<LarissasLife> Savannah =D  
<Nicola\_O> right  
<AbigailATUF> Michael  
<AbigailATUF> he's always so internal  
<Nicola\_O> how can you hate on prequels when you love spoilers??  
<Nicola\_O> it's like the same thing!  
<Nicola\_O> right, but if you've read the series it's like a spoiler for the prequel  
<Nicola\_O> lol  
<Nicola\_O> me. I'm not reading that series.  
<LillyBlacke> Last night I've finished Bite Club, sometimes I forget that Amelie isn't a woman and not just a cold blood vamp. My fav at this book was the characters  
<LillyBlacke> are now showing their true faces, even Clare.  
<Nicola\_O> gotta go, ladies, dinner's on the table. XXX you guys are TOO MUCH FUN.  
<Nicola\_O> ahahahha  
<LillyBlacke> good night Nicola.  
<literaryescapism> night nicola  
<LarissasLife> Thanks for coming Nicola! =D  
<AbigailATUF> Spoiler fun? Isn't that an oxymoron? 😊  
<AbigailATUF> To each his own  
<LarissasLife> lol  
<AbigailATUF> You guys should do a big spoiler chat  
<LillyBlacke> ohhhh I love spoilers, but believe if you say to me next book it's the last of the series after that it's over, I'll be afraid to read it.  
<LarissasLife> hahahaha I know what you mean =D  
<LillyBlacke> the authors at the last ones usually kill the main ones  
<LillyBlacke> at least one of them  
<LillyBlacke> got stuck with that for a end  
<LillyBlacke> and hope okay and now?  
<LillyBlacke> Does anyone here has a trouble in finding something new for read after read you know the ... 29 book of a long series?  
<LarissasLife> YES!  
<LillyBlacke> I had a trouble after acheron....  
<LillyBlacke> I love Claire, she's learning about herself, growing  
<LillyBlacke> gooo for it  
<LillyBlacke> !!!  
<LillyBlacke> ohhh true blood versus the book, remembering about spoilers  
*The recording has ended.*